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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/28/2003
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims Presented

Claims 1-40 are presented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over VM (cited by Applicant, "Clear, Secure, and Portable Visual Marks for the Cyber World").

In regard to claim 1, VM teaches a method for validating a restored message, comprising: generating an entry in a signature ... for a message, wherein said entry comprises cryptographic information associated with said message; when said message is lost, generating said restored message responsive to a request; and validating said restored message using said signature (page 4/8 and page 5/8, Visual Marks, which shows extraction, i.e. the such signature and validation are handled through such extraction).

These passages of VM do not explicitly use the term "log" in the sense of the claim. Instead, these passages of VM note the hash.

It was well known in the art to use hash in an orderly fashion so as to keep a record of data (e.g., indexing) for the motivation of getting easier access to information.

It would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the claimed invention, to modify the teachings of VM so as to teach the cited features of the claimed invention (and thereby teach the claimed invention) for the motivation stated in the previous sentences.

Regarding claim 2 (hysteresis etc.), claim 3 (digital, etc.), claim 4 (previous entry, etc.), these features are well known in the art of signatures for the motivation of secure tracking of data and of usage.

In regard to claim 5, VM teaches a system for recovering and validating user information, comprising: a user system comprising a signature ..., said signature ... comprising cryptographic information associated with said user information; a recovery system coupled with said user system via a communications network for restoring user information; and a validity system coupled with said user system via said communications network for validating restored user information using said signature (page 4/8 and page 5/8, Visual Marks, which shows extraction, i.e. the such signature and validation are handled through such extraction).

These passages of VM do not explicitly use the term "log" in the sense of the claim. Instead, these passages of VM note the hash.

It was well known in the art to use hash in an orderly fashion so as to keep a record of data (e.g., indexing) for the motivation of getting easier access to information.

It would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the claimed invention, to modify the teachings of VM so as to teach the cited features of the claimed invention (and thereby teach the claimed invention) for the motivation stated in the previous sentences.

Regarding claims 6-9, such various message and entry and signature handlings are well known in the art of signatures for the motivation of secure tracking of data and of usage. Regarding claims 10-39, such various message and entry and signature handlings are well known in the art of signatures for the motivation of secure tracking of data and of usage.

In regard to claim 40, VM teaches a computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave for validating a restored message, comprising: program code for generating an entry in a signature .. for a message, wherein said entry comprises cryptographic information associated with said message; when said message is lost, program code for generating said restored message responsive to a request; and program code for validating said restored message using said signature (page 4/8 and page 5/8, Visual Marks, which shows extraction, i.e. the such signature and validation are handled through such extraction).

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It was well known in the art to use hash in an orderly fashion so as to keep a record of data (e.g., indexing) for the motivation of getting easier access to information.

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It would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the claimed invention, to modify the teachings of VM so as to teach the cited features of the claimed invention (and thereby teach the claimed invention) for the motivation stated in the previous sentences.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background

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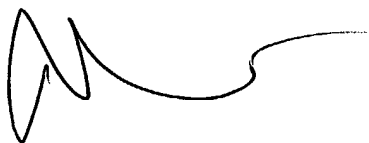
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David Jung

Patent Examiner

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